Setting up of new fertiliser plants

1287. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for the setting up of more fertiliser plants in the country during the next two years; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the sites selected for setting up of such plants;

(c) their production capacity and the funds allocated for each project; and

(d) by when the plants are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (d) Yes, sir; the requisite details of the new fertilizer projects and expansion schemes scheduled to be commissioned during the next two years are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 52].

National water grid

1288. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Prof. H. M. Desarda, an expert on Indian irrigation has pleaded to form a national water grid by interlinking major rivers; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposals for linking major river system to form a national water grid have been received from time to time and the broad techno-economic aspects of the proposals have been examined. Keeping in view the national perspective for water resources development outlined in 1980, studies with regard to interlinking of peninsular rivers have been taken up.

Stock of foodgrains

*1289. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total stock of foodgrains, rice, wheat and other cereals, separately, as at the end of 1980-81 and 1986-87; and

(b) the total quantity of foodgrains supplied to the States, Satewise under NREP, year-wise, from 1980-81 to 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The total stock of foodgrains with public agencies as on 31st March, 1981 was 98.74 lakh tonnes, comprising 66.94 lakh tonnes of rice, 30.69 lakh tonnes of wheat and 1.11 lakh tonnes of coarse-grains. Position as on 31st March, 1987 is not available.

(b) A statement indicating the required information is attached.

[*See* Appendix CXII,, Annexure No. 53]

Atrocities on SC|ST

1290. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of incidents involving atrocities on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes during the year 1986, statewise;

(b) the number of incidents involving death of the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1986, state-wise; and